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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Plant Application of:

Tim NIEMAN et al.

Application No.: 10/772,915

Filed: February 5, 2004

For: A METHOD OF MAKING AN EXPANDED

POLYTETRAFLUOROETHYLENE

STRUCTURE

Confirmation No.: 5246

Art Unit: 1732

Examiner: J. M. Wollschlager

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REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the final Office Action dated August 8, 2006, for which a response is due on November 8, 2006. This response is filed within two months of the issuance of the final Office Action and therefore qualifies for expedited review. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.